

HOUSE BILL 2493
By Borchert

AN ACT to amend Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 58,
Chapter 3, relative to burials of veterans and
dependants in state veterans cemeteries.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE:

SECTION 1. Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 58, Chapter 3, is amended by adding
the following language as a new part:

§ 58-3-201.

There is hereby created within the general fund a special account to be known as
the "state veterans' burial assistance fund."

§ 58-3-202.

Notwithstanding any provisions of law to the contrary, there shall be deposited in
the fund any and all funds received by the state from the United States department of
veterans affairs for plot allowances for the burial of veterans and dependants in state
veterans cemeteries, any direct appropriations to the fund made by the general
assembly, and all private donations on behalf of veterans' burial assistance.

§ 58-3-203.

Any unencumbered funds and any unexpended balance of the fund remaining at
the end of any fiscal year shall not revert to the general fund, but shall be carried forward
until expended in accordance with the provisions of this part.

§ 58-3-204.

Moneys in the fund shall be invested by the state treasurer for the benefit of the
fund pursuant to § 9-4-603. The fund shall be administered by the commissioner of
veterans affairs.

§ 58-3-205.

Interest accruing on investments and deposits of the fund shall be returned to the fund and remain a part of the fund.

§ 58-3-206.

The state veterans' burial assistance fund is to provide for:

- (1) Operating expenses relating to burials of veterans and dependants;
- (2) Operating expenses, repair or improvements relating to state veterans cemeteries;
- (3) Payments to acquire property, or build or renovate support facilities relating to veterans cemeteries; and
- (4) Salaries or stipends for veterans or employees of the department who assist in burials of veterans and dependants.

SECTION 2. This act shall take effect July 1, 2006, the public welfare requiring it.